Designing of Publicity Material by the DAVP

*100. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that designing of publicity material is done departmentally by the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the services of private agencies for creative designing are also engaged by the DAVP;

(c) if so, what are the reasons that the DAVP have neither employed any trained employees in creative designing nor got their employees trained in this field;

(d) whether the DAVP proposes to employ officials trained in creative designing in their own Directorate in the near future to eliminate the private agencies; and

(e) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity has well-equipped facilities with trained specialised personnel for designing publicity material. However, the services of suitable private advertising agencies are also utilised as and when required.

(e) Question does not arise in view of the position stated above.

Demands of the DDA Quarters Resident's Association, New Seemapuri

426. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether memoranda dated the 24th and the 28th March, 1988, respectively, have been received in the Ministry of Urban Development from the DDA Quarters Residents' Association, New Seemapuri, Delhi, regarding the problems of resident's of the area;

(b) whether the said association had also organised hunger strike demanding mitigation of residents' hardsips; and

(c) what are the demands of the association and the steps taken by Government to settle them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) The main demand of the association besides others is for supply of water through individual water connection to the house owners of New Seemapuri colony. As per policy decision of DDA the allottee is required deposit Rs. 450 for obtaining individual water connection. Out of 3308 plots in New Seemapuri, only 149 residents have deposited the requisite money and that too at different locations. It has therefore, not been feasible to release the water connections, in view of the small number of the people who have applied for individual water connection. The public as well as the local leaders have been apprised of this fact and have been requested to persuade the local residents to deposit the required charges so that the water connections could be provided. Residents Zone called off the hunger strike.

Efforts are being made to supply water as a sort of experimental measure to the residents who had deposited the money to know the response of the rest.

Retrenchment of Workmen of Jitpur Colliery, Dhanbad

427. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IISCO had a proposal for retrenchment of

workers at their Jitpur Colliery, Dhanbad;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the proposal has been carried out; and

(d) if so, what is the number of workmen retrenched, category/designation wise, as against the total number of workmen employed for each category/designation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Indian Iron and Steel Co. had sent a proposal to retrench 294 workmen working at their Jitpur Colliery. The main reason advanced by the Company is the likely exhaustion of 16 A Seam of the Colliery where the workmen are engaged, by the end of the current year and that the proposed retrenchment would reduce a portion of present financial loss of Rs. 4 Crores a year on this account. The Central Government, however, have not accorded permission to the proposal of the Company.

Action under EPF act against tea garden owners

428. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 2402 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st Decembr, 1987 and state:

(a) what is the number of Revenue Recovery Certificates issud so far, year-wise, under section 8 of the Employees' Provident Fund Act in respect of the tea garden owners, defaulting in the payment of provident fund;

(b) what was the total amount to be recovered;

(c) what is the number of prosecution cases filed under section 14 of the Employees Provident Fund Act;

(d) what was the total amount involved;

(e) what is the number of prosecution cases filed under section 14(2A) of the Employees Provident Fund Act;

(f) what was the total amount involved;

(g) what is the number of complaints filed under sections 406/409 of the Indian Penal Code;

(h) what are the particulars of damages levied under section 14B of the Employees' Provident Fund Act; and

(i) what is the number of prosecutions settled, the total number of convictions and the number of prosecutions still pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (i) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

429. [*Cancelled*]

Allotment of levy sugar to States

430. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state what are the norms fixed for allotting monthly levy sugar quotas to the States?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): The monthly levy sugar quotas to State Governments/Union Territories are allotted on an uniform norm of minimum 425 gms. monthly per capita availability for the projected population as on 1-10-1986.

Tripura towns under IDSMT scheme

431. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of amount allocated under the scheme of Integrated Development for Small and